[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.]

(*b*) the distance of that road ;

(*c*) the distance between Vellanad and Aruvikara along the existing roads; and

(*d*) why the construction of the proposed road is being delayed ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 2 miles and 1500 ft.

(*c*) About 9 miles *via* Nedumangad.

(*d*) As the people have not done the earth work and surrendered the required lands in accordance with the Ryots Road Rules.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: When was this road surveyed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: About three years ago.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: At whose instance was it surveyed? Was it at the request of the people or at the instance of the Government?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: At the instance of the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Was there a memorial to the effect?

MR I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it the view of Government that roads would be opened only when the ryots surrender the lands, even if it is to develop the country ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is a local need, and as far as this particular road is concerned, it has been decided that it should be opened by the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it a local need or the opening of a big area in that part of the country that would be done by constructing this road ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is a local need.

Kumarakom-Vetchoor Road.

223 ***MR. V. MADHAVAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any sanctioned scheme for the completion of the Kumarakom-Vetchoor road and how long will it take to complete the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Trace between Kattuchanthai and Ponganad.

224 ***MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to complete the trace between Kattuchanthai in Karavaram pakuthi and Ponganad in Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Only some preliminary investigation has been conducted.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the honourable member say whether he is convinced that the trace is necessary ?

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